

Snow Searcher's Ski Club

SKI BLAST



OCTOBER 2010

Message from the Prez...



Fall greetings!

I love this weather. It's good for camping which is what I'll be

doing later next week. Of course, I call it powder puff camping in a camper trailer with certain comforts of home.

Folks, it has been a tough few months. Almost a year ago the Board received news that all non-profits would be required to file tax returns by October 15, 2010. {This is the excuse I am using this month as to why I am so late getting my Ski Blast input to Chris Vonk, our Editor.} Before we could file taxes, we had to update many things during the past 11 months: our bylaws, changing the reporting period of our fiscal year, updating our status with the State of Maryland regarding our charter, changing rules on how we track money coming in and going out, and creating a financial system to which we could download our finances from the credit union to give us a more efficient reporting method. There were a few more issues, but you get the point and I think your eyes are crossing already! Bottom line is--life is getting much more complicated for non-profit social clubs, and along with it there are going to be additional

fees and costs. We are going to hold off assessment on what those increases are till the end of the 2011 ski season, but I fear we may have to raise our membership fee a little next season to cover these costs. Time will tell.

Meanwhile, we are having our **October General Membership Drive Meeting this Tuesday evening the 19th at 5 pm, room 120 in B-72.** Other than a "heads up" email Mike Asbery sent you a couple of days ago, this Ski Blast is not giving you much notice of that meeting! My apologies again for the lateness. And, good news.....we have seven new members to welcome into the fold this season !! See our new member announcement box in this issue highlighting our new ski friends. Please try to come to this month's meeting. Be prepared to update your membership for the 2010-2011 ski season, and as usual, we will have plenty of drink and pizza. We also will have some new door prizes to give away.

Weeklong 2011 winter trips: We are badly in need of additional signups for the Sunday River and Snowmass trips. We have enough people for each trip that it would be tragic to give up and cancel both trips at this point. On the other hand, we *do not* have our minimum quota to maintain our group fees as stated on the trip. If we do not have addi-

tional members joining these trips, the vendors will be increasing our fees which would necessitate increasing each member's cost of the trip. If we get 5 additional signups for Snowmass, we will be in good shape. For Sunday River, we are going to need at least an additional 10 members on the roster. Please reconsider your winter schedule and come ski with one of these two groups! I will have additional flyers at the meeting. Consider getting copies of these flyers and posting them at your place of work, your church, or other places you frequent and are allowed to post community ads. The Board has also increased advertising on the Blue Ridge Ski Council website and with military newspapers.

Hope to see you all at the meeting Tuesday evening! And as an additional "aside," the club taxes were sent to IRS by certified mail in the nick of time October 15. Pray for the safety and well being of your Board. The IRS scares the "pud" out of me!

Dawn Brown
President

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Special points of interest:

- **General Meetings:** Open to current and potential members - **Win Door Prizes!** Usually held at 5pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month during ski season. Bldg 72, training room (next to the Post Office).
- **Board Meetings:** Usually held the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 5pm

Don't Miss the Kick Off Meeting: October 19th!



Club Information

Email: sssc-board@nrl.navy.mil

Member of the Blue Ridge Ski Council

Address: Snow Searchers Ski Club

Code 5731

Naval Research Laboratory

4555 Overlook Ave. SW

Washington, DC 20375

Hotline: 202.404.8376

Web Site: <http://www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc>



<http://www.skicouncil.com/>

Newsletter Deadline:

Third Tuesday of each month. Send info to Chris Vonk, Code 7102, chris.vonk@nrl.navy.mil



The NRL Snow Searchers Ski Club (SSSC) is a group dedicated to having a good time both on and off the slopes. The Club is open to employees of the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), their spouses, friends, and other fun-loving people.

The Club specializes in one day ski and snowboard trips to nearby resorts in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and West Virginia-all reachable within four hours by bus. The Club also sponsors several off season activities.



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News...

D.C. Area's Largest **SKI SWAP** Sunday, October 24, 9am-3pm

Buy or sell used ski and snowboard equipment and clothing at the D.C. area's largest swap. If you're selling items, registration begins at 9am. The Ski Liberty Ski Patrol will sell your merchandise for you. Return before 3:30pm to pick up unsold items. Items not picked up by 3:30pm will be considered donated to the Ski Patrol. You will receive a check in the mail within 4 to 6 weeks for any sold items, less a 20% commission from the Ski Patrol.

Boots and bindings over 10 years old cannot be sold! Go to <http://www.libertyskipatrol.org/node/96> for more information.



Greetings Members,
I thought I would pass on this bit of information to everyone. If you are looking for a pleasant Fall activity, check out the site for Virginia's October wine festivals

<http://www.virginia.org/site/features.asp?FeatureID=189>

Dawn Brown

Welcome SSSC new members!

Ted & Ferzan Jaeger
Heather Brooke
Ivan Savelyev & Xiaofang Zhu
Amanda Miller Disharoon
Te Lee

SSSC Wear

SSSC BASEBALL CAPS. Need a cap to ward off the sun's rays? There are a limited number of these great baseball caps left. Once they are gone there will be no more. \$20 each. Contact Mike Asbery (202) 404-3014 for more info, or see them at the next general meeting.



SHIRTS! SHIRTS! SHIRTS! – SSSC has great polo shirts for sale with the club logo. The polo shirts are 50/50 poly-cotton knit with chest pockets sporting the SSSC logo, welt knit collars and two pearl buttons. Colors are white with a black logo, and royal blue with a white logo. Sizes small to 2XL, \$15. There is a limited supply left so come to the next General Meeting to inspect the shirts and try them on for size. For more info contact Dawn Brown (410) 535-6102.



POLE FLAGS and NECK WALLET - Although ski season is over why not plan ahead and get your pole flags and/or neck wallets while they last? \$5 each. For more info contact Dawn Brown (410) 535-6102.





SSSC Swing Dancing At Blob's Park



www.blobspark.com

Friday October 29, 2010

**MD Route 175 @ BW PKWY
JESSUP, MD**

Join us at 7:00 PM for German food, beer and dancing to the Big Band music of the Bayside Big Band

Music: 8-12 PM

Food: menu prices

Beer: 8 draft and 59 bottled

Admission: \$10.00 adult

In order to have a reserved seat with the Snow Searchers, please contact Dave by Sat Oct 23 and tell me how many are in your party. We are ordering from the menu. Directions, menu and more are on Blobs Park website.

Dave Pettit: 301-622-5051

e-mail: pettidd@verizon.net

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**Space for 1 single male,
and 1 single female**

Colorado

January 29 to February 5, 2011

\$ 995

- RT from Dulles to Denver, United Airlines
- 7 Nights lodging at Copper Mountain Village Condos
- 5 Day lift ticket (\$38 extra for 6th day)
- Website: www.coppercolorado.com
- Trip limited to 32 participants
- Trip insurance available
- Trip leaders:

Mike Asbery, Michael.asbery@nrl.navy.mil

Don Gubser, Donald.gubser@nrl.navy.mil



Maine

February 27 to March 4, 2011

\$ 695

- RT Transportation (air and bus) - BWI to Manchester
- 5 Nights lodging at 5 star Grand Summit Hotel (ski-in/ski-out)
- 5 Day lift ticket
- Health club, Jacuzzi, and sauna
- Kitchenette rooms available (**sign up early!**)
- Heated outdoor pool
- Website: www.sundayriver.com
- Group rate discounts for rentals
- Trip leaders:

Susan Piatt, susan.piatt@comcast.net

Dave Pettit, petttd@verizon.net

Deposit \$250 p/p

Snowmass, Colorado

March 19—26, 2011

\$1445

- RT Transportation
 - BWI to Eagle on American Airlines
 - Layover in Dallas
- 7 Nights lodging at Top of the Village condos
- 5 of 6 day lift ticket
- Website: www.snowmass.com
- Trip limited to 32 participants
- Trip Leaders:

Dawn Brown, dcbrownpsia@hotmail.com

Dick Hubbard, Richard.hubbard@nrl.navy.mil



Deposit \$500 p/p

Deposit \$300 p/p

Sign Up Early!

**The week long trips fill
quickly.**

**For additional trip
details visit**

www.nrl.navy.mil/sssc

or email

sssc-board@nrl.navy.mil



Copper Mountain, Colorado with the SSSC

January 29 – February 5, 2011

\$995



Sign up early. Trip limited to 32 individuals.



Ski package includes:

RT transportation from Dulles to Denver, UA
 Bus transfer to Copper Mountain
 7 nights lodging in Copper Mountain Village Condos
 5 day lift ticket (\$38 extra for a sixth day)
 Trip insurance available, not provided
 Website: www.coppercolorado.com

Mountain Statistics:

Location: Copper Mountain is just 75 miles from Denver with 2,450 acres of skiable terrain
 Base Elevation: 9,712 feet Summit Elevation: 12,313 feet Vertical Drop: 2,601 feet
 Lifts: 22 total Lift Capacity: 32,324 skiers per hour
 Marked Trails: 126 (21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert)
 Additional Activities: Ice Skating, Snowshoeing, Tubing, Snowmobiling, Sleigh Rides, Dog Sledding, Cross Country Skiing, Racquet and Athletic Club, Spa Facilities, Shopping, Dining.

Lodging:

Copper Mountain Two Bed/Two Bath
 Silver Rated Condos. The Mountain
 Plaza/Village Square Condos are on
 request. Condos with one queen and
 two twin beds have been requested.

Deposit Schedule:

Payment to SSSC

(send payment to trip leaders listed address)

With Application	\$300
15 September, 2010	\$350
15 October, 2010, balance	<u>\$345</u>
Total (wo extras)	\$995

Trip Leaders:

Mike Asbery, Michael.asbery@nrl.navy.mil
 7753 Lowmoor Rd Springfield VA 22153
 W-202-404-3014, H-703-455-2603
 Don Gubser, Donald.gubser@nrl.navy.mil
 7201 Ivakota Road, Clifton, VA 20124
 W-202-767-2926, H-703-825-1512

Space for 1 single male, 1 single female



Sunday River®

February 27 - March 4, 2011

Join the NRI Snow Searchers Ski Club for a 6 day - 5 night trip to Sunday River, Maine. The mountain features 126 interconnected trails and glades on 8 interconnected peaks with 2340 feet vertical.

The price as listed below includes following:

Round trip transportation (air and ground)
5 nights at the 5 Star Grand Summit Hotel (ski-in, ski-out)
5 day lift tickets,
Full Health Club with Jacuzzi and Sauna
Heated outdoor pool and Hot tub
Kitchenette Rooms available

In addition, group rates are available for rentals and lessons.

Cost:	\$695 per person (Double Occupancy)	
Deposit	\$100 pp	Due with trip application
1 st Payment	\$200 pp	Due Oct 1,2010
2 nd Payment	\$200 pp	Due Nov 1,2010
Final Payment	\$195 pp	Due Dec 1, 2010

For best rooms, be sure to sign up and submit your deposit as soon as possible. The cost is an estimate and may change if transportation costs change.

Contacts: **Susan Piatt** **(H) 443-607-8201**
 (C) 410-903-5425
 susan.piatt@comcast.net

Glen Piatt (H) 443-607-8201
(C) 301-538-9525



Payments made payable to SSSC and applications should be mailed to:

Glen Piatt
1731 Lake Avenue
Shady Side MD 20764

Payments/applications may also be left at the SSSC dropbox in the NRL Rec Club.
Please notify a trip leader when using the dropbox for your payment.



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Ski SNOWMASS COLORADO with the Snow Searchers Ski Club 19 - 26 March 2011

Total Cost: \$1,445

Includes:

- Round trip American flight, BWI to Eagle and return
- Ground transportation from Eagle to Snowmass
- 7 nights lodging at Top of the Village Condos (described below in more detail)
- 5-day lift ticket; optional 6th day lift, add \$36
- Welcome wine and cheese party upon arrival
- Group dinner or party TBD

Note: Contact trip leader for prices of trip deviations

Accommodations: Top of the Village Condos

- Ski in, ski out with access to the Village Express Chairlift
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Fireplaces and private balcony with gas grills & view of slopes
- In unit washer and dryer and a humidifier in every bedroom
- Outdoor heated pool, 2 hot tubs, sauna and fitness facility
- Complimentary wireless internet
- Private ski storage
- On call courtesy shuttle takes you anywhere in Snowmass Village from 7:30 am until midnight



Applications and payments made payable to SSSC should be mailed to:

Dawn Brown
920 Carson Road
Huntingtown, MD 20639

Payment Schedule:

Deposit	\$500 pp Due with application
2nd Payment	\$500 Due Sept 15, 2010
Final Payment	\$445 Due Dec 5, 2010

Contact Trip Leaders:

Dawn Brown, President SSSC
H: 410-535-6102 C: 410-703-7762
E-mail: dcbrownpsia@gmail.com

Dick Hubbard, Treasurer SSSC
H: 703-250-0566 W: 202-767-2997
E-mail: richard.hubbard@nrl.navy.mil



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SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Sunday River DATE(S) Feb 27 – Mar 4, 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____

Home / Cell Work

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

Payment Schedule:

\$100 / Person – With Application

\$200 / Person – Due – Oct 1, 2010

\$200 / Person – Due – Nov 1, 2010

\$195 / Person – Balance Due – Dec 1, 2010

Non-refundable Costs:

\$50 – Deposit

Prices:

Base - \$695 / Person Double Occupancy

Non-Skier – Deduct \$125 / Person

Roommates: _____

Participants	Base Price	Sub Total
<u>Self</u>	<u>695</u>	

Total Cost _____

Emergency Contact (Name) _____ **Deposit** _____

Emergency Phone Number _____ **Balance Due** _____

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Member Signature

Date

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SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Snowmass, Colorado DATE(S) 19 – 26 March 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____

Home / Cell

Work

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

Payment Schedule:

\$500 / Person – With Application

\$500 / Person – Due – Sep 15, 2010

\$445 / Person – Due – Dec 5, 2010

Mail Applications to:

Dawn Brown

Carson Road

Huntingtown, MD 20639

Non-refundable Costs:

\$100 – Deposit

Prices:

Base - \$1,455 / Person Double Occupancy

Non-Skier – Deduct \$282 / Person

Downgrade to a 4 day lift – deduct \$30

Upgrade to a 6 day lift – add \$36

Trip Insurance available – contact the trip leader for more info

Roommates: _____

Participants	Base Price	Sub Total
<u>Self</u>	<u>1,445</u>	
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
Total Cost		_____

Emergency Contact (Name) Deposit _____

Emergency Phone Number Balance Due _____

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NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

TRIP APPLICATION FORM

TRIP TO: Copper Mtn DATE(S) Jan 29 – Feb 5, 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Street City State Zip

PHONE: _____
Home Work Cell

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

Payment Schedule:

\$300 / Person – With Application

\$350 / Person – Due – Sep 15, 2010

\$345 / Person – Balance Due – Oct 15, 2010

Mail Applications and payments to:

Mike Asbery

7753 Lowmoor Rd

Springfield VA 22153

Non-refundable Costs:

\$50 – Deposit

Prices:

Base - \$995 / Person Double Occupancy

Non-Skier – Deduct \$190 / Person

6 Day Lift – add \$38.00 – must book prior to trip

Trip Insurance available from \$51/pp, Optional “cancel for any reason” available– Contact Trip Leader for more info

Roommates: _____

Participants	Base						
Sub	Price						Total
<u>Self</u>	<u>995</u>						
Total Cost							

Emergency Contact (Name) _____ Deposit _____

Emergency Phone Number _____ Balance Due _____

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SNOW SEARCHERS SKI CLUB NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Oct 1, 2010 thru Sept 30, 2011

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street

City

State

Zip

PHONE: _____
Home Work Cell

E-MAIL: _____

NRL CODE: _____ BLDG/ROOM _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (\$20)

Send My Mailings to:

____ NEW MEMBER ____ RENEWAL

Email Address

____ REGULAR (NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

____ ASSOCIATE (NON-NRL EMPLOYEE/CONTRACTOR)

(Associate members have no voting privileges and may not hold any office.)

All memberships are family memberships. A family is defined as husband, wife and children under the of age 21. List names of family members below and their email addresses if they would like club mailings

MAKE CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 PAYABLE TO SSSC AND MAIL TO:

MIKE ASBERY, NRL CODE 5731.50 or

Mike Asbery 7753 Lowmoor Rd Springfield, VA 22153

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Member

Date

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October 2010

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24 Ski Swap 9am-3pm @ Ski Center, Washington, D.C.	25	26	27	28	29 Blob's Park 7pm Beer, food, and dancing!	30
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